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SUBJECT: FRG-SOVIET LEGAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENT

REF: BONN 1111 AND PREVIOUS

1. FRG REP (HENZE) INFORMED ALLIES AT FEB. 3 BONN GROUP MEETING THAT FRG FONOFF POLITICAL DIRECTOR VAN WELL ON JAN. 22 HAD BRIEFLY DISCUSSED LEGAL ASSISTANCE NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET AMBASSADOR FALIN.

2. VAN WELL TOLD FALIN THAT BONN HAD INFORMED THE ALLIES OF THE STATE OF PLAY ON THE FRG-USSR NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THE THREE WERE STUDYING QUESTION OF WHETHER THE APPLICATION IN BERLIN OF THE HAGUE CONVENTION WOULD BE PREDJUDICED BY THE ENVISAGED PROCEDURE. THE ALLIES WERE VERY NEGATIVE REGARDING POSSIBLE SOVIET NOTIFICATION AND WOULD REFUSE IT. VAN WELL ASKED FALIN FOR RECONSIDERATION OF SOVIET POSITION REGARDING INVOLVEMENT OF ALLIES.

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3. ACCORDING TO HENZE, FALIN EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT ALLIED REACTION, INDICATING HE PRESUMED ALLIES HAD BEEN KEPT INFORMED. FALIN ADDED IT WAS "INDISPENSABLE" FOR USSR TO INFORM THE THREE OF ITS VIEWS OF THE LEGAL ASSISTANCE ARRANGEMENT. HE SAW NO ALTERNATIVE TO NOTIFYING THE ALLIES.

4. HENZE SAID FRG WAS NOW AWAITING A MORE FORMAL SOVIET REPLY TO VAN WELL'S REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION. BONN WAS, AT LEAST FOR NOW, NOT PLANNING ANY INITIATIVES ON SUBJECT VIS-A-VIS USSR.
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